The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been requested for their views on the recommendations contained in the above mentioned Report as the Criminal Law and the Criminal Procedure are on the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.

Recommendations of Justice Ahamadi Committee Report on NHRC

828. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the NHRC sent its recommendations for improving its functions based on the Justice Ahamadi Committee Report to the Ministry of Home Affairs on March, 7, 2000;

(b) if so, Government's response in this regard and reasons for delaying to take up the remedial measures to strengthen Commission's functioning;

(c) whether it is a fact that the 7th annual report of the Commission alongwith the Memorandum of Action taken has not been laid on the Table of the Houses of Parliament; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Based on the recommendations of Justice Ahamadi Committee, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has suggested certain amendments to the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. The Government has initiated action in the matter.

(c) and (d) The 7th annual Report of the Commission alongwith the Memorandum of Action Taken has already been laid on the Table of both Houses of Parliament on 23-4-2002 and 24-4-2002 respectively.

Disuading Government servants from demanding dowry

829. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Bihar has enacted a new legislation disuading all newly recruited employees from demanding dowry;

(b) whether the Central Government also propose to bring forward such a legislation for its employees; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?